

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15 as follows:

Fig. 1 shows the comparison of amino acid sequences of alanine aminotransferase (AlaAT: the same as GGT) from *Arabidopsis thaliana*. The asterisks show the position where all the amino acids are identical. AlaAT1 corresponds to SEQ ID NO:1, AlaAT2 corresponds to SEQ ID NO:21, AlaAT3 corresponds to SEQ ID NO:22, and AlaAT4 corresponds to SEQ ID NO:23.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 19 as follows:

Fig. 2 shows the location of inserted tag. (A) The scheme of AlaAT1 genome structure and the location of inserted tag. The boxes show exon and the line shows intron. (B) The nucleotide sequence and amino acid sequence of the wild type (WT) are shown on the top (SEQ ID NO: 24), and the nucleotide sequence wherein a T-DNA is inserted at around and its amino acid sequence of line 8046 are shown on the bottom (SEQ ID NO:25). The boxes show the region replaced by the insertion of T-DNA.

Please delete the original Sequence Listing.

Page 24 (Abstract), after the last line, beginning on a new page, please insert the attached Sequence Listing.